

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_0165A  
Takemori TAKAYAMA ET AL. : **Confirmation No. 1859**  
Serial No. 10/570,045 : Group Art Unit 3679  
Filed March 1, 2006 : Examiner Victor L. MacArthur  
SINTERED SLIDING MATERIAL, SLIDING : **Mail Stop: AF**  
MEMBER, CONNECTING DEVICE AND  
DEVICE USING THE SLIDING MEMBER

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND**  
**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

For the reasons set forth below, withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action of July 18, 2011 is respectfully requested. Additionally, in response to the Office Action of July 18, 2011, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached petition, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: